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Reagan Remarks on Leaks

WASHINGTON, June 3 (AP) —
President Reagan said today that his
Administration was obligated by law to
prosecute anyone, including reporters,
who make information public that
could harm national security.

Mr. Reagan, in a photo session, was
asked whether he agreed with William
J. Casey, the Director of Central Intel-
ligence, that members of the news
media should be prosecuted for leaks.

"It isn't a case of what we may think
about it," he replied. "There is a law
that was passed, I believe it was 1954,
that's very specific and not just about
the media. It's about anyone who
makes public information which could
be dangerous to our national security.
And I would think that all of us are
bound by that law."

He apparently was referring to a 1950
law against "publishing any classified
information concerning the communi-
cations intelligence activities of the
United States."